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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0399

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: EMF/ELF FIGHTING NEAR MASSAWA

REF: USDAO ADDIS ABABA 091230Z APR 75

1. REPORTS REACHING CONGEN INDICATE HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN EMF AND INSURGENTS IN VILLAGE OF HARIGO, 10KM SOUTH OF MASSAWA, DURING WEEKEND OF 5 APRIL. MOST SOURCES AGREE VILLAGE WAS DESTROYED, BUT DIFFER ON WHETHER CASUALTIES AMONG VILLAGERS REACHED SEVERAL THOUSAND OR WHETHER MOST ESCAPED AND CASUALTIES WERE LESS THAN A HUNDRED.

2. A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT ELF ATTACKED, WITH INTENT TO SIEZE, A CONVOY OF TRUCKS NEAR MASSAWA BRINGING PHARMACEUTICALS TO ASMARA. IT IS POSSIBLE ATTACK ON VILLAGE WAS REPRISAL

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FOR ATTACK ON CONVOY. SOURCE WHO WORKS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL COM-

PANY, SAYS MANY PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS FOR ALL OF ETHIOPIA ARE  
IMPORTED THROUGH MASSAWA AND TRANSPORTED TO OTHER PARTS OF ETHIOPIA.  
SOURCE BELIEVES FUTURE MEDICINE SHIPMENTS WILL BE INTERDICTED  
BY ELF.  
SHERRY

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